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## REPORTS TO THE CZAR.

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ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.—In a dispatch to the czar, Viceroy Alexieff says:  
"Admiral Stark, telegraphing from Port Arthur today, March 2, says the enemy did not appear at Port Arthur on either February 28th, February 29th or March 1st. Reconnaissance made by March 2nd, and torpedo boats over a radius of sixty miles from Port Arthur also failed to discover the enemy."  
"According to additional information which has reached me, our patrols, having passed the night twelve versts (eight miles) from Ping Yang, approached that town on the morning of February 29th. They were closely pressing a Japanese patrol of seven officers. The latter, however, were not yet occupied by the Japanese, and it is supposed that the Japanese have not more than one thousand men in Ping Yang."

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Quiet at Yin Kow.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Commander Stewart, of the United States battleship Helena, which is in a mud dock at New Chung, China, in a cablegram to the Navy Department today from Yin Kow, reports that the price of beef is very high.

AROUND PING YANG.

Town Occupied by Six Thousand Troops—All Calm in Manchuria.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.—An official dispatch received from Major-General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, dated March 2, says:

"According to the reports of your patrols to Ping Yang and on the road to General Sun (Vice Sun), there were no signs of the enemy. Ping Yang has been occupied by 6,000 Japanese, who include two hundred cavalrymen. No particulars have been obtained concerning artillery. It has been learned that the Japanese bring troops by sea from Rusan to Chongnam (Ping Yang inlet), whence they come to Ping Yang."

"Between 1,000 and 2,000 Korean troops have been sent to Ping Yang from Seoul. Our patrols on February 28 were within twelve versts (8 miles) of Ping Yang, and report that the Japanese have fortified everything quiet in that vicinity. The enemy's troops are arriving daily."

"At Port Arthur and in Manchuria all is calm. According to Japanese reports a detachment of 2,000 Japanese, without artillery, landed at Sing-Chen (Huang-Seng, north of Cape Bruin), on February 19 and 20. They were met by Russian troops. There have been heavy snow falls at Port Arthur and in Manchuria recently. The Russian force near Anju numbers only about forty men. The Russian force is concentrated at Liao-Yang."

ELECTIONS IN JAPAN.  
They Pass Quietly—Diet Will Consider Measures for Increasing Revenue.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, March 2.—The parliamentary elections have passed quietly. The final returns are expected to reach Tokio tomorrow. Few political meetings preceded the elections, domestic politics practically being forgotten.

The Emperor, in a decree issued a rescript, countermanded by the Minister of State, summoning the Diet to meet in special session on March 10th. It was believed that the session will last over ten days.

The Cabinet met in extraordinary session today, and the Diet is now in session for submission to the Diet. It is now planned to increase by seventy million yen the amount to be raised by taxation. The income tax on land probably will be doubled, the taxes on spirits and tobacco increased and some new taxes created.

REVERCOMBE THE MAN.

Will Make the Race for Congress Against Mr. Flood.

Senator George A. Revercomb, of Allegheny, was in his country yesterday, having returned from the Buenos Aires convention of the Tenth District Republicans, which on Tuesday, unanimously nominated him for Congress.

Mr. Revercomb was congratulated by his colleagues on the Republican side of the Chamber, and he was in a fine frame of mind. He said his party was never in better shape, and that at this time local troubles in the district had been healed, and that they would present the Democrats a united front in November. When asked what part the Agnew-Sleep contest for leadership played in his convention, Mr. Revercomb said: "We secured harmony, and there was no perfect harmony reigned in our convention." Mr. Revercomb left for Norfolk last night.

Doctor and Patients Ill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COMORN, VA., March 2.—Dr. M. W. Minor, of this place, is very sick in bed. He has a large number of patients when he was taken sick. There is but one other practicing physician in the county.

No Dispensary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MEYERSBURG, VA., March 2.—The efforts to establish a dispensary at Lunenburg, Courthouse and Valtierra have been abandoned, as it was evident that they could not be secured, for the reason that the parties interested could not get satisfactory terms, and there was doubt also that a fight by the citizens in the district was to be made against it. After May 1 the saloon will be closed up at the former place.

Mrs. J. W. McKinney.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 2.—Mrs. J. W. McKinney died here tonight after a lingering illness. Mrs. McKinney was a daughter of James McKinney, who is survived by her husband, a sister and a brother, and the following children: Mrs. F. M. Dunnington, Miss Margaret and Mary Ann McKinney, and John McKinney, of this city, and Mrs. T. C. Adams, of Bristol.

Nelson—Marker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREEN HAY, March 2.—James Nelson, of Washington, D. C., was married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Marker, near the village yesterday to Miss Mattie Marker, of F. W. Berry, pastor of the Disciples Church, officiated. The couple left for Richmond, Va., to spend a few days with friends, from there they will go direct to their home in Washington, D. C.

## READY WITH THE MONEY

Within Thirty Days the Canal Strip Will be Ours in Fact.

A SATISFACTORY TITLE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A conclusion of the negotiations for the title to the Panama Canal property is in sight. Within thirty days, perhaps in a shorter time, the United States will be in full possession of the property and the money consideration will have been paid to both the Republic of Panama and to the new Panama Canal Company.

Attorney-General Knox had a conference today with the President, in which the whole subject, so far as the legal phases of it are concerned, was considered and decided. At the conclusion of the conference the Attorney-General authorized the following statement:

"I have advised the President that he is authorized to pay at once to the Republic of Panama the \$10,000,000 stipulated for by the treaty, the ratifications of which have just been exchanged. Also that he is authorized to pay to the new Panama Canal Company the \$40,000,000 which under the agreement between the United States and that company, we are to pay for the property, and have notified the canal company we are ready to close the transactions."

Some details in connection with the transfer of the canal company's property should not require more than thirty days."

It appears that, after thorough consideration of the entire subject, Attorney-General Knox is satisfied perfectly with the title which the canal company is able to pass to the United States. In his opinion it will not be necessary to pursue the investigation further. Mr. Knox declines to discuss the pending litigation in the French courts, but the inference from his authorized statement is plain, that he does not regard the title to the canal as the property of the company, which will pass to the United States.

Secretary Shaw practically has completed arrangements at the Treasury Department for the money necessary to meet the obligations incurred through the purchase of the French company's property. The arrangements have been effected in such a manner as not to disturb seriously the financial condition of the country.

NO OBSTRUCTIONS.  
Panama Company Ready to Close Negotiations for Canal.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 2.—It was asserted positively today by one of the highest officials of the Panama Canal Company that contrary to the statement emanating from New Orleans, no arrangement has been made or projected between the company and the Republic of Colombia in connection with the suits now pending before the French courts.

The official declared there is absolutely no difficulty in the way of an immediate conclusion of the negotiations for the transfer of the concession to the United States, as the company maintains that the French procedure does not provide for an injunction; that there cannot be any legal restraint of the transfer, and also that practically all the available assets of the company are in Panama, outside of the jurisdiction of the French courts. It is further pointed out that if the transfer to the United States is at once effected immediately subsequent proceedings will be ineffective so far as applying to the United States.

The officials of the United States embassy share the view of the officers of the canal company; that there is no reason to believe that the French government now in the way of the actual transfer of the concession and the company's property.

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The Last Blow to a Sadly Afflicted Family of King George.

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## COMMITTEE AFTER ROBB

Declare Him Outside His Province in Making Remark.

REFERRED TO PERCY HEATH

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The Senate Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads to-day heard Assistant Attorney-General Robb, of the Postoffice Department, in advocacy of a bill to prohibit guessing contests carried on by newspapers and circulars.

During the course of Mr. Robb's statement the subject of the Postoffice Department, in advocacy of a bill to prohibit guessing contests carried on by newspapers and circulars.

Mr. Robb replied that he believed such was the case.

Senator Culberson then asked if Percy S. Heath was not one of those protected by the statute.